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FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR JOSIE GONZALES' STATEMENT ABOUT RIALTO CAMPAIGN FLIER

SAN BERNARDINO – The following statement is San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales' response to the mayoral campaign flier recently distributed to Rialto residents.

“While I heard about the campaign flier before actually seeing a copy, I was not prepared for the true offensiveness of what I actually saw and read. With all the good that has happened in Rialto during Mayor Grace Vargas' time of service, I question if this is the best her supporters could do to promote her re-election campaign.”

“Yes, I have endorsed Mayor Vargas. However, I definitely don't condone these negative campaign tactics that imply Rialto residents will become victims of gangs and increased crime should they elect one candidate over another.”

“This flier is much more damaging to the community that we all work so hard to serve. Instilling fear and intimidation as a political motive to steer an election is counterproductive to the positive, proactive and progressive direction that I am sure the involved organizations stand for.”

“As a Latina and an elected official I find it disheartening and inexcusable that this is the only way in which these organizations could find to voice their support of their chosen candidate. I do not nor will I ever endorse such disrespectful efforts to promote anyone to elected office or position.”

“My desire is that we address the impact this negative mailer is having on the City of Rialto and work together to heal and build upon the experience for the betterment and safety of its residents.”

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